The expected outcomes of the Mission include reduction of IMR to 30/1000 live births, MMR to 100/100,000 live births and TFR to 2.1 by 2012. Further, the Mission envisages guaranteed service delivery at all health facilities and quantifiable deliverables for all National Diseases Control Programmes.

SSIs in North Eastern Region

569. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of small scale industries functioning at present in the North Eastern Region particularly in the State of Sikkim as on 31st January, 2007;

(b) the number of small scale industries which have been set up in the State of Sikkim during the last three years; and

(c) the number of SSI units proposed to be set up in Sikkim during the year 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) The Ministry of Small Scale Industries maintains information on the number of registered small scale industrial units all over India. But information on the actual number of functioning SSI units is not available. According to the State Government, the number of small scale industries units functioning in the State of Sikkim as on 31st January, 2007 is 267.

(b) According to the information furnished by the Government of Sikkim, the number of small scale industries which have been set up in the State during the last three years (2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06) was 48.

(c) The Government of Sikkim have reported that 30 SSI units are proposed to be set up in the State during 2007-08. The actual setting up of the units, however, depends upon the investors.

Modernisation of Steel Plants

570. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of steel plants particularly Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant (VISP) are in need of modernisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal to modernise VISP is pending with the Central Government; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Central Government to modernise VISP and other steel plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Both the major steel-making companies under the administrative control of the Ministry of Steel, i.e. the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) are undertaking ambitious modernization and expansion plans. SAIL's plan envisages an increase in its present level of production of 14.6 million tonnes (2005-06) of hot metal per annum to 23.8 million tonnes of hot metal per annum by the year 2010 at a current tentative estimated cost of around Rs. 40,000 Crore and RINL proposes to enhance its capacity from the present level of 3.4 million tonnes of hot metal to 6.5 million tonnes per annum by the year 2009 at an estimated cost of Rs. 8692 crores. As per the plan of SAIL, Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant (VISP) is also being modernized and expanded to increase production of hot metal from 0.20 Mt to 0.33 Mt. per annum. VISP is a part of SAIL, which is a Navratna Company, hence the Central Government approval is not required for the modernization plans.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, Papers to be laid on the Table. Shri Kantilal Bhuria. ...(*Interruptions*)...

Notifications of Ministry of Agriculture

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture and Cooperation), under sub-section (6) of section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955:—